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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 5 March 2002

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 43rd meeting Conference Room 3

1. Organization of work (A/C.5/56/L.40/Rev.1)

2. Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [130] (A/56/823, A/56/83, A/56/689, A/56/620, A/56/733 and A/56/759)

   Conclusion of general discussion

3. Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [131]

   Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [132]

   Revised estimates resulting from the strengthening of the role of Internal Oversight Services at the Tribunals for the biennium 2002-2003 (A/C.5/56/30/Add.1)

   Introduction and general discussion

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Note: The PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA and the SUMMARY OF MEETINGS of bodies other than those of the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session appear in Part II (English/French) of the present issue of the *Journal* (No. 2002/43 (Part II)).

Morning*- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 130 (Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services: Administrative and management practices of the United Nations Office at Nairobi (A/56/620); and Allegations of refugee smuggling at the Nairobi branch office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (A/56/733))

3 p.m. 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 122 (Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001: Honorariums (A/56/311 and A/C.5/56/SR.9))

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* Following the adjournment of the 43rd meeting of the Fifth Committee.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 6 March 2002

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	44th meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

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* Following the adjournment of the 44th meeting of the Committee.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 4 March 2002

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 41st meeting

Organization of work

The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to a note by the Secretariat on the status of preparedness of documentation (A/C.5/56/L.40/Rev.1) and a note by the Bureau on the proposed programme of work for the first part of the resumed fifty-sixth session of the Fifth Committee.

Statements were made by the representatives of Spain (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of the Czech Republic, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland Romania, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta, Turkey and Iceland), Cuba (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Chairman made a statement.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [121]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Common services

The Principal Inter-Agency Officer of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board's Secretariat introduced the revised report of the Secretary-General (A/56/417/Rev.1).

The representative of Egypt made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would begin on that day, Monday, 4 March, in the afternoon, under the chairmanship of Mr. Collen Kelapile (Botswana).

Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [122]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

(a) Integrated Management Information System

The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/56/602 and Add.1)

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/56/684).

Statements were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and India.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services replied to a question raised.

(b) Construction of additional office facilities at ECA

The Controller introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/56/672).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/56/711).

(c) Standards of accommodation for air travel

The Chief of the Oversight Support Unit of the Department of Management introduced the reports of the Secretary-General (A/54/382, A/55/488 and A/56/426).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related reports of that Committee (A/56/7 and A/56/630).

The representative of Pakistan made a statement.

Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 [123]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Documentation availability in six languages on the United Nations Web site (A/C.5/56/12)

Review of public information activities in the United Nations (A/C.5/56/17)

ESCWA documents and publications (A/C.5/56/19)

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally introduced the reports of that Committee.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/56/12).

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division introduced the reports of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/56/17 and A/C.5/56/19).

Statements were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, the United States and the United Republic of Tanzania.

The representative of the Department of Information replied to a question raised.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

42nd meeting

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [130]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services introduced the reports of that Office (A/56/823, A/56/83, A/56/689, A/56/620, A/56/733 and A/56/759).

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Australia, the United States, Spain (on behalf of the European Union) and India.

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services replied to questions raised.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [125]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman of the Committee drew the attention of the Committee to a letter dated 18 January 2002 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/56/35), by which he transmits, for appropriate action by the Fifth Committee, a letter dated 27 December 2001 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/56/727).

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to revert to this matter later during the resumed session.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

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